

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale Held on Tuesday, July 12, 2005.

A Regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Clarkdale-Jerome School Library, Main Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

Town Council:

Mayor	Doug Von Gausig
Vice Mayor	Jerry Wiley
Councilmember	Frank Sa
	Patricia Williams
	Tim Wills (absent)

Town Staff:

Town Manager	Gayle Mabery
Town Clerk	Joyce Driscoll
Town Attorney	Rob Pecharich
Town Attorney	Anna Young
Com. Dev. Director	Steven Brown
Public Works Manager	Steven Burroughs
Police Chief	Pat Haynie
Deputy Town Clerk	Janet Perry
Planner II	Normalinda Zuniga
Building Official	Mike Baker

Others in Attendance: Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, Dennis Branaman, James and Mary Ann Spear, Alice Keith, Mildred Mates, Evelyn Wolcott, Darrel Macey, Curt Bohall, R.E. and Barbara Williams, Jo Ann and Jeff Toune, James Jaaf, Frank and Shirley Hoene, Rex Williams, Robin Bonfield, Doug and Renee Longfellow, Al and Lois Brownell, Gail Daniels, Sandy Martin, W.E. Lyons, F.N. DeAngelis, R.R. and Carol Quin, Keat and Audra Backus, John and Norma Stevenson, Angela DeWelles, Ellie Bauer, Bill Snyder, David Murphy, Terese Bulros, Elizabeth-Rose Augusto, Ray Selna, Mike and Kerrie Bluff, Frances Judd, Teri VonGausig, Tom Parmanter, Anke Pitrella, Dan Jackson and others who did not sign in or whose names were illegible.

AGENDA ITEM: CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Von Gausig called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and noted that Councilmember Wills was absent.

AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENT -

Ellie Bauer, 1201 Main Street, updated the Council

on the Yavapai County Economic Region, stating that the final documents have been sent to the Department of Commerce. A copy of the final report will be available from Town Manager Mabery.

Curt Bohall, 731 3rd North, a member of the Planning Commission, noted there are vacancies on the Design Review Board and the Planning Commission. He stated there are no applicants and he wanted to know why not.

AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS-

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Von Gausig reported the following:

1. He participated in interviews of applicants for Finance Director.
2. Attended a meeting at Ken Bennett's office regarding Highway 260.
3. He attended a Highway 260 access management plan meeting.
4. The Town has several openings on Town boards and requested that residents apply.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT - Town Manager Mabery noted that she has spent most of her time on the water company acquisition, that there was a wonderful celebration on July 4th, and that there were about 25 participants in the Liberty Run race.

NACOG - A report regarding the Northern Arizona Council of Governments. No report.

NAMWUA - A report regarding the Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association - No report.

WAC - A report regarding the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee - No report.

CATS - A report regarding the Cottonwood Area Transit System - No report.

COCOPAI - A report regarding the Coconino Yavapai Resource Conservation District - Councilmember Williams reported that there will be

a meeting on Monday.

VVLPI – A report regarding the Verde Valley Land Preservation I – Councilmember Williams stated that the VVLPI will be watching a film regarding preserving open space and that a presentation will be made to the Council in September.

AGENDA ITEM: CONSENT AGENDA – The consent agenda portion of the agenda portion of the agenda is a means of expediting routine matters that must be acted on by the Council. All items approved with one motion. Any items may be removed for discussion at the request of any Council Member.

Vice-Mayor Wiley pulled Item K. Mayor Von Gausig pulled item I. Councilmember Sa pulled Item E.

Councilmember Sa moved to approve Items A, B, C, D, F, G, H, and J. Vice-Mayor Wiley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item E – Councilmember Sa stated he believes the item need additional work regarding the road standards and it needs to include standards on bridges for emergency vehicles. Community Development Director Brown stated this item does not concern streets outside of subdivisions regulations, where bridges are addressed differently than other items that consider bridges in areas outside of subdivisions. Town Attorney Pecharich clarified that Item E only makes the document a public record. Item F adopts those changes, when the discussion would be most appropriate.

Councilmember Sa moved to approve Item E, Vice-Mayor Wiley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item I – Mayor Von Gausig read a letter into the record, as follows:

Dear Mayor Von Gausig,

I will be out of town and unable to attend the July 12th council meeting, so I would like to make my feelings and comments known concerning the proposed rates.

I voted against the water company takeover, and I am sure many of those who did, now that they know what it is going to cost them, would re-consider.

I think the rates are exorbitant, especially the base rate. And to say that because Clarkdale has fewer customers, the rates have to be higher is ridiculous. Perhaps Cottonwood Water Works was remiss in not seeking new sources of water, especially in light of the temporary shortages in recent years, they did provide water at very low rates and I don't recall them saying they were operating at a loss.

You have mentioned in a recent edition of the town newsletter, "Quality of Life Issues" in Clarkdale. Well, I think you will see that "quality of life" diminish, when residents cut back or eliminate completely, watering of their trees, shrubs and even small patches of grass because they can't afford it or are unwilling to pay these proposed rates.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Gerald M. Masar

Councilmember Williams clarified that submitting this grant application does not commit the Town to the roundabouts and that she is not in agreement with landscaping in the center of a roundabout. Community Development Director Brown stated that the landscaping proposed would be low level.

Vice-Mayor Wiley moved to approve Item I, Councilmember Sa seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item K – Vice-Mayor Wiley stated he was concerned with the neighbors having some input and asked if they had been contacted. Keri Bluff, the applicant, stated they have not gone through the Design Review Board yet about the patio because they are getting the liquor license first. She stated they have decided to make the bar a non-smoking area and wanted to incorporate the gated patio as a smoking area with seating. She stated they have talked to the majority of the neighbors and they have no concerns. Other neighbors are concerned with the noise, but there will be no live band on the patio. She stated the goal is to have a small local bar, not a

wild place.

Vice-Mayor Wiley moved to approve Item K.
Councilmember Sa seconded and the motion passed
unanimously.

A) **Approval of Minutes of the Common Council** - Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 14, 2005 and the Special Meeting held June 28, 2005.

B) **Claims** - List of specific expenditures made by the Town during the previous month.

C) **Board and Commission Minutes** -
 Acknowledgement of receipt of minutes and draft minutes of the previous month's Board and Commission Meetings.
 Board of Adjustments - June 22, 2005.
 Design Review Board - May 11, 2005.
 Heritage Conservancy -
 June 15, 2005 and June 22, 2005.
 Library Advisory Board - June 30, 2005.
 Parks and Recreation Commission -
 June 13, 2005 and June 27, 2005.
 Planning Commission - May 16, 2005.

D) **Reports** - Approval of written Reports from Town Departments and Other Agencies
 Cottonwood Area Transit System (CATS)
 Operations Report - May, 2005.
 Fire Department Report and Mutual Aid
 Responses Report - June, 2005.
 Magistrate Court Report - May, 2005.
 Police Department Report - June, 2005.
 Verde Valley Humane Society - June, 2005.
 Verde Valley Transportation Planning
 Organization (VVTPO) Report -
 May, 2005.

E) **Resolution** - Approval of the Resolution declaring as a public record that certain document filed with the Town Clerk and entitled "The 2005 Changes to Chapter 12, Subdivision Regulations, of the Town Code of the Town of Clarkdale".

F) **Ordinance** - Approval of an ordinance

adopting that certain document filed with the Town Clerk entitled, "The 2005 Changes to Chapter 12, Subdivision Regulations of the Town Code of the Town Code of the Town of Clarkdale by reference.

G) **Agreement** - Approval of 2005 - 2006 Library Service Agreement between the Yavapai County Library District and the Town of Clarkdale.

H) **Agreement** - Approval of 2005 - 2006 agreement between the Verde Valley Humane Society and the Town of Clarkdale for impound services.

I) **Resolution** - Approval of a resolution for a Transportation Enhancement Act (TEA) grant for the Hwy 89A Enhancement Project.

J) **Resolution** - Approval of a resolution for a Transportation Enhancement Act (TEA) grant for the Town of Clarkdale Downtown Revitalization Project.

K) **Liquor License** - Approval of a recommendation to approve an Extension of Premises application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for the 10-12 Lounge at 910 Main Street, Clarkdale.

L) **Board and Commission Resignations** - Acceptance of resignations from Design Review Board members Henry Stevens, Peggy Chaikin and Edward Knight.

AGENDA ITEM: RESOLUTION - Consideration of a resolution approving an Asset Purchase Agreement between the City of Cottonwood Municipal Property Corporation, the City of Cottonwood, the Town of Clarkdale and Cottonwood Water Works, Inc. for the purchase and sale of the business of Cottonwood Water Works.

Mayor Von Gausig noted that this item is the largest single document to approve, but there will be many more documents concerning the water company purchase. This agreement governs the purchase, what assets Clarkdale gets and what Cottonwood gets. This purchase is the most important single thing Clarkdale has even done. This is the day that Cottonwood and Clarkdale have taken control of their water destinies. It gives them some control over development and defines their futures to some extent. Trying to maintain a long haul outlook. Initially the citizens have to pay for the company. All are going to have to pay a lot more, there is not way to get around it. If the two municipalities did not purchase the company, water rates probably would still go up. There are twenty-year-old rates and a lot of infrastructure that needs to be replaced. Arsenic removal will cost \$500,000. That means that Cottonwood Water Works would have raised their rates. In fact, they have said that they would if they did not sell the company. Once the elected representatives of the Town studied the situation, every council member had been unanimous in its support. Large companies are controlling the ownership of the water companies. He stated he would rather have the Town own it than a global conglomerate. Part of the rates covers searching out new water sources. Cottonwood Water Works has drilled wells in convenient places. New sources are going to be more and more expensive as the wells must be deeper, around the 1200 to 1400 foot level, costing one million each to drill. Other municipalities are drilling very deep wells or going 30-40 miles out of their community to find water. Planning is essential and it is better for the citizens to own their water, giving them rights they do not have now.

Councilmember Sa stated that to his knowledge no other communities have acquired a water company jointly. The public should own the water company. He is concerned about the rates and hopes there is a way to do some compromises to put Clarkdale in the same ballpark as Cottonwood's rates.

Mayor Von Gausig stated his gratitude to Cottonwood's Council and staff for their work.

Vice-Mayor Wiley agreed residents should own their water. He stated that part of the expense will be water for fire suppression and the Town will be installing hydrants. This was not required under private ownership.

Councilmember Williams stated she is totally behind the purchase, looking at the long view. She dislikes paying the rates, but all utilities are going up. If building continues and no one is looking for new water sources, there will be problems.

Town Manager Mabery stated that many councils have dealt with this issue since 1957. The purchase is lengthy and complicated and it is gratifying that all of the council members in the last five years were in agreement during this project.

Mayor Von Gausig opened the meeting to the public. **Rex Williams**, 1161 Old Jerome Hwy, stated that as a former council member he was involved in reviewing costs. The data used to set the rates for water companies was already established when Cottonwood acquired them. The only thing Cottonwood Water Works would have had to do was arsenic removal. They found out from bond attorneys that bonding would cost Clarkdale a lot more than Cottonwood. Cottonwood agreed to do all the bonding. He stated that it would cost residents more to do a joint purchase than it would have cost to be users of Cottonwood's system.

Mayor Von Gausig stated that control of Clarkdale's water by Clarkdale citizens is worth the extra cost. Clarkdale may not always have higher rates than Cottonwood.

Dave Murphy, 561 Sky Drive, stated he has been in the area four years and that this purchase feels advantageous to Cottonwood Water Works because they would have had to deal with a higher standard for arsenic. This should have put the buyer in a good position. The partnership is not 50/50, it's 25% Clarkdale and 75% Cottonwood. He stated he would not have any problem if the rates were the same as Cottonwood. He stated rates never go down and he doesn't see that Cottonwood's rates would ever catch up. When is the Town going to place a building moratorium? The residents are paying to find new water, not the developers. He disagreed

with cities being so close together but having separate police, fire, etc. services.

Mayor Von Gausig noted that Cottonwood would not have had a different arsenic standard to meet. Although the two municipalities will own separately, Cottonwood has allowed Clarkdale to use their bond rate to get the citizens a better price. They did not have to do that and are good neighbors. Clarkdale will contract with Cottonwood to run the water company. There will undoubtedly be a time when Clarkdale runs it on its own. Developers pay for water acquisition, as they currently provide the infrastructure. There are strict laws on moratorium.

Gene Lyons, 208 Lampliter Village, stated he has been here since 1980 and there hasn't been much improvement in those 25 years. He voted for most of the council members, but can't understand why going from private to city owned raises rates 300%. He stated he is 98 years old and wants to go out of this world paying all of his bills. This is a lot of money and he doesn't understand why it is more than Cottonwood's rates.

Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, 1750 Cholla Lane, stated she is a member of the Planning Commission, which has not been able to discuss the water issue in its meetings. She stated she is a supporter of the acquisition, but is disappointed because water knows no boundaries and we need to work together. She asked what happened to the concept of regionalism or a water district?

Mayor Von Gausig stated that the plan was for joint ownership because of the regional aspect, especially on new water sources. They ran into problems that made it legally impossible to do the bonding because of state laws regarding the acquisition of property.

Town Manager Mabery noted that Representative O'Halleran introduced legislation regarding a regional board, but that legislation did not pass.

Sandy Martin, 1771 Calle Medina, stated that one thing the Council is discussing things like having control, but that is not going to help people on the line financially. She called the Department of Economic Security, who stated there are 4,000 families in the Verde Valley getting assistance, that's

12,000-16,000 people. This is the working poor, elderly on social Security, disabled and any form of welfare. She is not sure what the population of the Verde Valley is. Say 12,000 compared to 60,000 is a lot, and many of them are located in Centerville and old town cottonwood. This will drive out one half of Centerville, the people who voted the Council into office. She spoke of a neighbor who is disabled who now pays \$9 a month and will pay \$40 a month, but he does not have it. Small businesses will be effected with an impact above what is being contemplated. If only the middle class can afford to live here, then something is wrong.

Mike Cardile, 1424 Third South, stated he has been hearing that the Town can control its own destiny. After this is built, people will only be coming to the Council for small projects. Large developments will never happen again. It is the responsibility of the Town to maintain water lines for fire hydrants even if the Town does not own water, so why weren't fire hydrants added previously.

Mayor Von Gausig stated that most new developments are required to add hydrants. The Town wants to address existing hydrants.

Town Manager Mabery stated that private water companies are not obligated to provide fire hydrants. If the Town put a hydrant in, the company had no obligation to supply water pressure for the hydrant.

Marsha Foust, 313 Main Street, stated that in the 1920s her family had a ranch in the east valley and ran out of water, so her family has a history of what it's like to lose a home because of no water. She thanked the Council for a hard decision. Water is finite and it is going to be an adjustment. She is concerned about the old pipes.

Elizabeth Rose Augusto, 940 Calle Tomallo, stated she approves of the purchase and understands the rates have to rise. She feels the current proposals are too high, double is possible but not triple. There needs to be consideration for households on a low income with low water usage.

Town Attorney Pecharich stated that he has represented Clarkdale for thirty years. Fifteen councils have considered this issue and this council

has done the following things:

1. Found a way to control costs with joint maintenance.
2. Have the water flow from one municipality to the other.
3. Have Clarkdale looking for other water sources.
4. The Council will be responsible to meet the standards expected by the citizenry.
5. Cottonwood Water Works has not raised rates in two decades, have never seen a water company go this long without an increase. When rates stay fixed for so long, other ways have to be found to fund necessary maintenance. If the owner had not sold, he would have had to dramatically increase rates.
6. Benefit of municipal fire suppression.

He reviewed Cottonwood's and Cottonwood Water Works' existing rates. It is common for there to be a rise in minimum charge for larger meters.

Cottonwood and Clarkdale are issuing a 23 million dollar bond. This is not all going to purchase. They have to issue a larger bond to begin all of the capital improvements that are needed. They have to have a debt service reserve fund. The bonding amount is much greater than the purchase amount. This purchase will have to be approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission and Arizona Department of Water Resources. It is a big item to own the water and control growth. In the past Clarkdale has been prevented by law from considering if there is water for proposed subdivisions. If you don't own the water then it is controlled by the state. Now if Clarkdale owns the water, it will have the ability to control it. He reviewed the asset purchase agreement and stated it is in good form and meets all legal requirements.

Vice-Mayor Wiley moved to approve Resolution #1152, adopting the Asset Purchase Agreement between the City of cottonwood Municipal Property Corporation, the City of Cottonwood, the Town of Clarkdale and the Cottonwood Water Works, Inc.

for the purchase and sale of the business assets of Cottonwood Water Works. Councilmember Williams seconded. Three were in favor, with Councilmember Sa opposing.

AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC HEARING – A hearing to receive public input on the proposed water rates to be adopted by the Town of Clarkdale.

Dan Jackson, of economists.com, the company that studied the utility rates, reported on the proposed rate structure. He stated that the availability of abundant and cheap water is changing. The rates need to be look at long term and there are two alternatives. He summarized why rates are rising, as follows:

1. Arsenic. The federal government decided five years ago that they would drastically reduce how much arsenic was in water, but did not allocate funds for this. This would need to be addressed regardless of ownership. It costs \$300,000 to \$500,000 to do this.
2. After acquisition it has to be maintained. It will take a lot of money to replace the infrastructure. Many lines need to be replaced in the next ten years regardless of ownership.
3. Municipal ownership is more cost effective.
4. Economies of scale. If there are double the customers, the costs don't double, so as you get larger it is more effective. Partnering with Cottonwood makes us able to enjoy their more favorable bond rating.
5. Not paying income taxes under municipal ownership.
6. Non-profit entity under municipal ownership. A private company expects a 5% profit. The possible rates could have been higher under private ownership.

Mr. Jackson reviewed the forecast of expenses over the next ten years. He recommended the conservation structure, where the more you use the more you pay, encouraging water conservation. The

lowest income people under this structure will pay the least. He summarized why Clarkdale's rates are higher than Cottonwood's:

1. Many costs are fixed and Clarkdale is a smaller utility, with 1300 connections to Cottonwood's 8500.
2. There are specific expenses for Clarkdale, such as capital improvements that are higher than Cottonwood's.
3. We will see the rate difference narrow in the future when Cottonwood has massive improvements they need to make.

He stated there are two alternatives. First, set higher rates and probably don't have to increase for two years. Second, phase in with lower rates now, but with an adjustment next year. Future rate increases will be necessary. He reviewed the rates for the two alternatives. The second alternative includes an increase in November 2006 to the same rate as is proposed for alternative one. This can only be considered if the rates are increased in 2006. Choosing Alternative 2 does not create a deficit because there is no debt service payment until the second year.

Town Manager Mabery stated that with Alternative 2 the Town would run into the red because the debt service payment is due at the beginning of the second year.

Mr. Jackson stated Alternative 2 leaves little buffer and is okay if everything goes as planned, but is riskier than Alternative 1. The impact fee paid by new developers reimburses the Town for the infrastructure. State guidelines have to be met and impact fees may help minimize future rates and bonding. He recommends \$2,114 per house. Under either alternative Clarkdale will have rates comparable to rates across Arizona.

Town Manager Mabery stated that the Council is not considering impact fees tonight. That is a much more comprehensive process that takes about six months. The staff could start to pursue that next month if the Council is interested.

The meeting was recessed at 8:26 p.m. and

reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

Vice-Mayor Wiley asked what would happen if the Town defaulted. Mr. Jackson stated the worst case would be the Town going into receivership. He explained debt coverage. It is very common for bonds all over the nation. The money recovered from debt coverage is invested into the system.

Town Attorney Pecharich noted that Alternative 2 mandates a rate increase in November 2006 and has a legal problem. November 2006 is after the next Council election and he is concerned that legally this Council cannot bind a future Council.

Vice-Mayor Wiley asked what would happen if many people reduce their consumption immediately.

Mr. Jackson stated he anticipates a ten percent reduction because this is a number experienced across the country. Cottonwood's usage barely changed at all after their new rates were implemented.

Mayor Von Gausig opened public comment.

Darrel Macey, owner of Lampliter Village, stated it is a 126-unit community, consisting of seniors on fixed incomes, where the average usage is 6700 gallons per month per home. He understands the need for rates and conservation. On separate meters all of them would pay a lesser rate. Lampliter is on two meters and the rate would be \$7.64 per 1000 gallons. If treated as individual users the rate would be \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons. He asked that the Town divide Lampliter's rate by 128 to establish the rate tier.

Mayor Von Gausig stated he thinks this situation resonates with the Council. The Town would not have to maintain lines and read 128 meters. However, all of the attorneys involved have said the Town needs to have a simple rate structure for the bonding. In the future the Town can look at special situations to accurately reflect the intent, but initially this would not be an option.

Mr. Macey stated he plans to spend \$25,000 to install individual meters.

Mr. Jackson stated he looked at towns around the country. Some communities treat these as individual

units, with meters installed by the town or the owner. If a user uses 6700 gallons, he would pay \$7 per gallon for the time being. He recommended one simple rate structure. After the Town is in operation for one or two years, it will have the data to look at in order to establish special rate classes.

David Murphy, 561 Sky Drive, stated the Town has 800 or 900 homes being constructed and 250 coming, which should make a difference in the rate, and he wondered if this has been considered.

Mayor Von Gausig noted the rate structure includes anticipated growth rates. Town Manager Mabery stated that if the town hits or exceeds the growth rate, it will not affect the initial rates, but will make a difference over time.

Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, 1750 Cholla Lane, stated she thinks Alternative 1 is the best way to go. She hopes there will be discussion on an assistance program. She would like to see a volunteer program where low-flow devices are installed. She hopes Clarkdale will be active in bringing well users onto the system.

AGENDA ITEM: RESOLUTION #1153 - Consideration of a resolution adopting a Fee Schedule by the Town of Clarkdale which includes water rates.

Mayor Von Gausig noted that Alternative 2 is riskier due to depending on future Councils and there being less cushion. Town Attorney Pecharich stated that Alternative 2 mandates a rate increase for a future Council, which this Council cannot do.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve Resolution #1153 setting water fees with the Alternative #1 rates. Vice-Mayor Wiley seconded and the motion passed three to one, with Councilmember Sa opposing.

The rates take effect August 12, 2005 unless acquisition is not completed until after this date.

Without objection, the Council took Item 9, Awarding a Bid, next.

AGENDA ITEM: AWARDING A BID - Consideration in selecting a successful bidder to provide construction services for upgrades to the

wastewater treatment plant and authorization for staff to negotiate and sign a contract with the selected contractor.

Public Works Manager Burroughs stated that the Town advertised the first part of June, the pre-bid meeting was June 10th, and the bid opening was June 24th. Four companies bid. The low bidder, at \$279,478.20, was Back Constructing. He has done background checks on this relatively new company. They are okay with the Registrar of Contractors and have bonding in place. The president of the company has extensive construction background. Previous employers have given favorable references.

Town Attorney Pecharich noted the bidder was adequately bonded and meets the licensing requirements. He advised that the contract should come back to the Council for approval.

Vice-Mayor Wiley clarified that Public Works Manager Burroughs would be overseeing the project and the Town wastewater engineer would review some submittals.

Vice-Mayor Wiley moved to award the contract for the Wastewater Treatment plant upgrades to Back constructing, LLC, Chandler, Arizona in the amount of \$239,478.20 and authorize staff to negotiate a contract. Councilmember Sa seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The town attorneys left the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM: ORDINANCE #277 - Approval of an ordinance making changes to Section 4-3-1.C of the Town Code of the Town of Clarkdale regarding access road standards in the Fire Code.

Building Official Baker stated he was charged to come up with fire access road standards by the fire chief and the fire marshal. He noted an error in the ordinance in Paragraph 5, where it states 14 feet instead of 20 feet.

His understanding is that the town has existing standards for bridges based on different weight loads, as required by the fire department. The bridge is required to be engineered to meet that standard.

Community Development Director Brown noted that subdivisions and minor subdivisions have a

mechanism to regulate bridge standards.

Councilmember Sa requested language be added to state bridges must be engineered.

Councilmember Sa moved to adopt Ordinance #277, making changes to Section 4-3-1.C of the Town Code of the Town of Clarkdale, with changes to Paragraph 5-14 to state 20 feet and adding to Paragraph 3 that bridges are required to be approved by the Town engineer. Vice-Mayor Wiley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: WORKSESSION – A
worksession to discuss traffic issues in Clarkdale.**

Police Chief Haynie stated most speeding problems are near the school. Most people pulled over are coming to or from Oovahs smoke shop. It gets worse when school is in session. He feels there is a need to add signage stating the times when school is in session. One suggestion is to put the amount of fines under the speed limits on the signs. It takes the community to help the problem. He feels the situation on Lanny Drive worked well – having community meetings, which resulted in speed, humps being installed. He discussed a machine that records speeds.

He has talked to Oovahs and they feel it is in their best interest to assist the police. He feels signage needs to be enhanced as a reminder. The average speeding ticket is well over \$100.

There was discussion of the types of signage and locations. Chief Haynie stated that if the Council wants to look at speed humps, and then the entire upper Clarkdale neighborhood should be included in the community meetings.

There was discussion of the Blackhills area traffic. Chief Haynie stated that if people would let the Police Department know when there are problems, they could enhance their attention to that area.

There was discussion of lost tourists in upper Clarkdale, stop signs at 11th Street, the Broadway and Main intersection, a radar program and Cement Plant Road.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

Mayor Von Gausig asked for a water impact fee and

a worksession on water rate assistance.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business before the Council, and without objection, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

APPROVE:

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Driscoll, Town Clerk

SUBMIT:

Charlotte Hawken, Admin. Assistant